

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 206

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable John H. Chafee, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

Resolved, That Senator Chafee's record of public service embodied the best traditions of the Senate: Statesmanship, Comity, Tolerance, and Decency.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND
STUART YORK

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it is a special honor for the gentleman from California (Mr. GARY MILLER) and me to welcome Pastor Stuart York and his wife Alicia into the Chamber. We want to express our appreciation to him for the very inspiring words of prayer that he offered us.

Pastor York has dedicated his life to spiritual guidance and to public service. He served as pastor in churches in Missouri, Oklahoma and California, and in California he has been pastor, as the Speaker said, of the Rosemead Christian church for the past 11 years. He also was President of the Missouri Christian Convention and is chairman of the board of trustees at St. Louis Christian College where he graduated.

Pastor York and his wife Alicia have five children, Anna, Tammy, Wendy, Joshua and Rebekah. As a resident of West Covina, he has been active as a leader in local government and various charitable organizations. In fact, I on more than a few occasions have seen him play the role of Santa Claus. I am very proud to have him here in Washington, D.C. I join my colleagues in the House in thanking our distinguished guest chaplain for bringing us this very inspirational message today.

IRS OUT OF CONTROL

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. America's income tax is not only un-American, it is socialism at its best. It promotes dependency, penalizes achievement, kills jobs, kills investment, and subsidizes illegitimacy. It is out of control, Members of Congress. If that is not enough to tax your Social Security from cradle to the grave they keep busting our balsam and taxing us even when we die.

Beam me up here, Mr. Speaker. I say it is time to literally abolish both the IRS and the progressive un-American socialistic income tax.

Audit this. I yield back the socialism of our income tax program.

CALL FOR OVERSIGHT HEARINGS
INTO GROWING BODY PARTS INDUSTRY

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I read an article in World Magazine this week entitled "Harvest of Shame" about a new and growing industry in America. This industry trafficks in body parts, parts of babies' bodies, organs and tissues of aborted babies. This business provides fee for services schedules listing the prices they charge for almost any body part you can think of, eyes, livers, brains, thymuses, blood, among other things.

Mr. Speaker, we are not talking about the People's Republic of China. We are talking about the United States of America. Now we know why the partial birth abortion procedure was developed, to give this industry whole body parts. The direction our country is going, the exploitation of innocent and voiceless people, children, babies, for the supposed benefit of the rest of us is shocking. We should be outraged not only because it is a violation of Federal law but because this callous disregard of human life is very real, very grotesque, it is growing steadily and it is done in the name of research. Apparently money talks and many are listening.

Mr. Speaker, oversight hearings should be held immediately on this issue.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR RATIFICATION OF
CEDAW

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am here today because of an alarming pat-

tern of inaction on the part of the Senate. After voting down the comprehensive nuclear test ban and trying to kill the nomination of Senator Carol Moseley-Braun to be ambassador of New Zealand, one Member in particular is continuing to hold the United Nations convention on eliminating all forms of discrimination against women, or CEDAW, hostage. CEDAW formalizes women's equality and promotes women's inclusion in business, government and other economic and social sectors. CEDAW has absolutely nothing to do with family planning or abortion, and more than 160 countries have already ratified this important treaty supporting basic human rights for women. The United States in fact is the only industrialized democracy that has not ratified CEDAW. This is a disgrace.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to cosponsor my resolution calling on the Senate to ratify CEDAW in this Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). The Chair will remind all Members they should avoid admonishing the other body to take action or not to take action.

REPUBLICANS COMMITTED TO
PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in 30 years, we have an historic opportunity to do what is right for America. We have an opportunity to pass a budget that does not dip into the Social Security trust fund.

Republicans are committed to protecting Social Security for future generations of Americans. However, the Democratic leadership seems to have other priorities. They seem to believe that spending the Social Security surplus would be a political victory for them. They would rather score political points than secure America's future.

Today I rise to urge my friends on the other side of the aisle to put their partisan agenda aside and join with the Republicans in saving and preserving 100 percent of the Social Security trust fund. Help us pass a budget that would put an end to the 30-year raid on Social Security. Work with us to put partisanship aside and do the right thing for all Americans and their future.

I yield back the balance of my time and 100 percent of the Social Security trust fund.